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Atty. Dkt. No. 034621-0102

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Gloria Elena Leon Paz De
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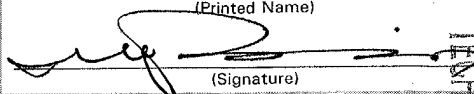
Title: A METHOD OF PROCESSING
            BLOOD SAMPLES IN ORDER TO
            PRODUCE DNA COMPLEX
            PATTERNS FOR DIAGNOSTIC
            APPLICATIONS

Appl. No.: 09/764,783

Filing   01/17/2001
Date:

Examiner: Chakrabarti, Arun K.

Art Unit: 1655

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

[X] Small Entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and § 1.27 has been established by a Small Entity statement previously submitted.

[X] Response to Office Action and Copy of Office Action dated 11/23/2001.

[X] The fee required for additional claims is calculated below:

	Claims as Amended	Previously Paid For		Extra Claims Present		Rate		Additional Claims Fee
Total Claims:	52	— 20	=	32	x	$18.00	=	$576.00
Independents:	12	— 3	=	9	x	$84.00	=	$756.00
First presentation of any Multiple Dependent Claims:			Y		+	$280.00	=	$280.00
					CLAIMS FEE TOTAL:		=	$1612.00

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[X] Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:

[ ]	Extension for response filed within the first month:	$110.00	$0.00
[ ]	Extension for response filed within the second month:	$400.00	$0.00
[X]	Extension for response filed within the third month:	$920.00	$920.00
[ ]	Extension for response filed within the fourth month:	$1,440.00	$0.00
[ ]	Extension for response filed within the fifth month:	$1,960.00	$0.00
	EXTENSION FEE TOTAL:		$920.00
	CLAIMS AND EXTENSION FEE TOTAL:		$2532.00
[ ]	Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract ½ of above):		$1266.00
	TOTAL FEE:		$1266.00

[X] A check in the amount of $1266.00 is enclosed.

[X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1447. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 06-1447.

[X] OTHERS:

Declaration of Gin Wu, Ph.D.

Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned attorney or agent at the address indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

Date 5/17/02

By _____

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants submit the following response to the Office Action dated November 23, 2001.

Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.111, please amend the Application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS[1]:

Please AMEND Claims 1-10:

A 1   1.   **(Amended)** A method of determining the sex of a fetus comprising:

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[1] A version with markings to show the changes to the claims is attached to this Response.

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01 FC:203   288.00 OP
02 FC:202   376.00 OP
03 FC:204   140.00 OP

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